

4. whether the estate-owners have not already got clearly defined boundaries;

5. whether the object of such re-survey is not, therefore, mainly to check the Government's own boundaries?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—1. Yes.

2. Some protests were received. They were enquired into and found to be unsustainable.

3 and 4. The original survey was conducted mostly through private agencies, and the Companies appear to have met the cost. No, not according to the State Survey records.

5. The object is to have authentic records of the several estates.

Chazhoor—Alappad road.

167. Mr. C. V. Kuriyan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether amounts were provided for the said work in the last budget and the budget for the current year;

(b) whether any step is being taken in furtherance of the said work;

(c) will the work be taken up and finished in the current year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes. Land acquisition has been ordered. It is expected that lands will be acquired this year.

(c) No. It is expected that the acquisition of the necessary lands will be completed this year. The remaining works will be provided for in the next year or will be spread over the next two or more years according to the availability of funds.

Kanjani toddy shops.

168. Mr. C. V. Kuriyan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the said shop is located very near the junction of four roads;

(b) whether there is particular reason weighing with the Government to allow the bidder of the said shop to locate it at so important a place;

(c) whether the Government is aware that the location of the said shop there causes nuisance to the public;

(d) whether the Government do realise that much scuffle is going on there both day and night?

Mr. T. V. Ramalinga Ayyar.—(a) There is no toddy shop of the name 'Kanjani'. If the Member means the 'Ponallur' toddy shop, the answer is yes.

(b) No particular reason. The shop has been in that site for several years past.

(c) and (d), Government have no information.

Departmental supply of things to contractors.

169. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what all things are supplied departmentally to the contractors for the various works in the State by the D. P. W., Panchayats and Municipalities ;

(b) the names of Companies from whom these things are purchased ;

(c) the quantity of each purchased and supplied to the contractors in 1104 with the rates?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The Municipalities and the Panchayats do not supply any materials to the contractors departmentally.

In the case of P. W. D., there is no fixed rule regarding the supply. Generally cement, steel and iron works and tiles are being supplied by the Department, if they exceed a certain quantity or number for each individual work.

(b) and (c). There is no separate list maintained for these. If any work or group of works for which the materials have been arranged departmentally are specified, the information can be supplied.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know what is the quantity or number ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That depends upon the nature of the work.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Generally these are supplied if they exceed 'a certain quantity or number'. What is the quantity or number fixed ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There is no quantity or number fixed as a rule. It depends upon the work. Suppose it is a very big work costing 2 or 3 lakhs of rupees, the quantity of steel comes to only 3 thousand rupees worth. We do not insist on it. The quantity of these materials is fixed for each case.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are tenders called for for the supply of these materials ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes, as a rule. They are invariably called for, and in some cases we are guided by these tenders.

Tile factories whose tiles are approved.

170. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(a) the names of Tile Factories whose tiles are approved by the P. W. Department ;